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August 30, 2005

TOWNSEND AND TOWNSEND AND CREW L.L.P TWO FRANCISCO CENTER 8TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111-3834 US

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10525596 in the amount of \$1,100.00 has been denied.

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

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